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SUNDAY SCHOOL-PRIMARY CONVENTION-CONFERENCE

The annual Sunday School-Primary Convention held in conjunction with the regular quarterly conference, convened Saturday evening, January 30, and concluded Sunday evening, January 31. Visitors from Salt Lake were Dr. Carl F. Eyring, Elder Tracy Y. Cannon of the Sunday School General Board, and Sisters Edith Lambert and Addie E. Hardy of the Primary General Board.

The Saturday evening session, devoted to priesthood work was addressed by Elder Delbert Wright of the High Council, and by Elder Richard W. Young. Brother Wright traced briefly the history of the lesser and the higher priesthoods, both in ancient and modern times, and pointed out the difference between the use of the priesthood in the plan of the Son of Man, and the theory of Lucifer. Elder Young dealt with the question of the competence of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon. Their competence to testify had been attacked some time ago by a prominent lawyer in Salt Lake City, who asserted that none of them would be permitted to testify in a modern court of law to the matter set forth in their statement. Elder Young briefly discussed the rules of evidence and applied them to show such an assertion is utterly without foundation. It is to be hoped Brother Young will reduce his splendid discourse to writing and publish it.

The Sunday morning session was devoted to the work of the general confer-

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TITHING, FAST OFFERINGS AND THE STAKE WORK PROJECT

It is entirely probable that strike conditions in this region may increase the demands upon the Storehouse. To take care of those who may be thrown out of employment and those who work on the Stake work project, it is hoped and expected that those fortunate enough to keep employed will pay liberally each month into the fast offering funds.

Fast offerings increased 300% and tithing 40% in 1936. Nevertheless the average payment of fast offerings was only 63c per capita per year. The Church goal was $1.00 per capita, and it is hoped that goal will be reached and surpassed in 1937. Pay your fast offerings monthly!

With fast offerings and tithes increased it is believed there will be enough available to take care of the needs of those unemployed who find it necessary to work on the Stake work project. Payments to workers will be restricted to cover actual necessities only.

DIMOND WARD BISHOPRIC RELEASED

Rufus O. Phelps, 1st Counselor, New Bishop of Dimond | Serge J. Lauper, Retiring Bishop, Dimond Ward | C. C. Cherrington, Retiring 2nd Counselor

Because his vocation required him to move to San Francisco, Bishop Serge J. Lauper of Dimond Ward and his counselors were released January 10 and Rufus O. Phelps was sustained as the new Bishop with Elmer R. Clarke and Dr. Glenn Dorius as his counselors.

Serge J. Lauper was made Bishop of Dimond Ward July 24, 1932. His counselors were Rufus O. Phelps and Dr. Glenn R. Dorius. Clyde A. Russell continued as Ward clerk until August 17, 1932 when Herbert A. Weiland succeeded him. Dr. Dorius was released as counselor when he left to make his home in Utah; he was succeeded by Charles Cherrington, July 2, 1933. Albert Fitzpatrick became Ward clerk on October 4, 1934, Wendell T. Jackson was made assistant Ward clerk December 8, 1935. Albert Fitzpatrick was succeeded by Joseph S. Welch December 29, 1935.

Words are inadequate to express the keen regret with which the members of the Ward face the loss of their beloved Bishop and his wife, Jean. Under the guiding influence of his wisdom, the Ward has enjoyed a unity and harmony unsurpassed; it has felt his sympathy and kindness in time of trial; and because of his unfailing good nature, tolerance and understanding he has won a lasting place in the hearts of the people of Dimond. It will take a number of people to fill the place of one so capable and talented as his wife, Jean, who has played a leading part in the affairs of the Stake as well as the Ward. Ward members unite in the wish that God's choicest blessings surround them, that prosperity and happiness ever attend them in their new home.

With a loyalty that symbolizes the "spirit of Dimond" they congratulate their new Bishopric and pledge their loyal support.

There will be a special social security meeting on February 7. Oakland Chapel 7:30 p. m.

PRESIDENT MAC HAS A BIRTHDAY

"The first fifty years are the hardest." This comes from no less authority than our beloved Stake President who reached the half century mark Sunday, January 10. In spite of his fifty hard years, however, he has a full head of hair—still black 'n curly—and a mouth capable of an infectious grin on the shortest of notice.

The Stake Officers who were having their monthly meeting on the afternoon of the birthday surprised him with an informal party. He was presented with a huge cake bearing fifty candles by the M. I. A. Following this, in behalf of the Sunday School, John C. Stirrat presented the Oakland City Library with a set of Roberts' History of the Church, with an inscription on the fly-leaf of each volume to President and Mrs. MacDonald. The inscription, beautifully hand engraved by Elder Charles Cherrington was as follows:

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STAKE WORK PROJECT

The construction of the Richmond Ward chapel constitutes the work project of the Stake under the Church Security Program. Persons wishing to draw on the Storehouse should see their respective bishops, get a note to the Richmond bishop. They will be issued receipts by him for labor done on the chapel. These are in turn to be presented to the Storehouse and food, clothing and money will be issued against them according to the need.

The stake Storehouse is located at 3977 Webster Street, Oakland. J. S. Welch, storehouse keeper, is on hand to receive and dispense food and clothing on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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TIME AND THE MESSENGER

Old Father Time has arrived once more upon the scene and has opened up for our inspection and use a consignment of brand new merchandise. Strange merchandise it is and most interesting with qualities most peculiar.

There is, for example, a very fixed, definite amount of it—twelve months only, just three hundred sixty-five days. Yet there is an abundance sufficient for every existing individual.

Seeing only the abundance, some will be tempted and fall into profligacy. That probably, is human — and animal. Animals do not plan ahead. Others, knowing that even abundance is limited, will seek to make the most of every day. That, too, is human—and divine.

It is superb merchandise. It looks better from where we are sitting than any we've seen for some time. And though it all comes from the same factory, it is adoptable beyond belief; it is capable of being molded into as many different shapes and patterns as there are individuals. Yet, oddly enough, when these shapes and patterns have been molded they form but one big pattern—Life with a capital L.

Those connected with The Messenger extend to its readers the hope that all of us may be blessed with the wisdom and courage (it takes both) to make the most of our respective portions of Father Time's gift to all.

For our part, we shall strive to make The Messenger a more vital force in achieving this objective. We should like it to be at once a mirror and a spring-board reflecting back that which has passed and providing a take-off for that which is to come.

With your help we shall accomplish these purposes.

CONVENTION-CONFERENCE

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ence. The speakers were Drs. Grant Ellis and Ray Fisher of the High Council; Sister Jean Lauper, retiring Superintendent of Primary; Bishop Serge Lauper, retiring Bishop of Dimond Ward; President Hilton; and the visiting brothers and sisters. Dr. Eyring dwelt on the theme "I am the captain of my soul." He urged us to introduce dynamics into our lives and eschew static, to use the Gospel not as an anchor but as a set of instruments to help us safely sail through the beautiful passage of life.

Sister Hardy made a plea to aid the Primary Hospital where already over 2500 crippled children have been helped, and this primarily from birthday pennies.

Sister Lambert urged cooperation of the parents with teachers. There are, she said over 100,000 Primary children in the church; 12,000 of these are in the various missions, most of whom are not actual church members. There are some 17,000 women who voluntarily devote their time to teaching Primary children.

Elder Cannon, long one of the organists of the Salt Lake Tabernacle, pointed out the wealth of opportunity in the church for everyone. He spoke of the new service being extended to Ward and Stake music directors, whereby free courses of instruction are being given.

The morning session closed with brief remarks by President Hilton who gave the following most interesting statistics:

Stake population to Jan 1, 1937	3628
Growth in past year	241
Aver. Attend. at Sacrament meet.	22%
Ward teaching accomplished	42%
Number holding priesthood	1084
Birth rate per 1000	33
Death rate per 1000	5
Percentage on tithing roll	26%
Percentage which should be on tithing roll	57%
Per capita tithing paid	$10.30
Number of members paying tithing	844
Number who should but don't	994
Number paying fast offering	874
Per capita fast offering	63c
What per cap. fast off. should be	$1.00

Only ward reaching the fast offering goal for 1936 was Oakland, where it reached $1.01. Surely there is much to strive for in 1937.

Music for the sessions was furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus.

The afternoon session was devoted to an open forum discussion led by Dr. Eyring with the theme, "The Teacher as a Guide." The methods of Christ were suggested as the fundamental basis to be used by the teachers.

The Stake M-Men and Gleaner girls furnished the program for the evening session of the Stake Conference. Dennis Lauper conducted. Talks on the Ten Commandments were given by Ralph Dennis of Dimond and Shirley Beatty of Berkeley. Both talks were well organized and delivered.

Dr. Carl Eyring continued the theme, extending the Decalogue which Jesus made. Tracy Y. Cannon rendered an organ solo which was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. Musical numbers were also rendered by the Dimond ladies' chorus and male quartette, Easton Willey and Carlton Driggs.

MONTHLY INVESTIGATORS' MEETINGS INAUGURATED

A program of what is hoped will be monthly meetings designed especially for investigators was very successfully launched in the Berkeley Ward Chapel, Sunday evening, January 17, under the direction of Stake Mission President, I. B. Ball. There was not an unoccupied seat in the chapel, and of the three hundred odd who were there it is estimated that there were between 75 and 100 non-members in attendance. There were four talks by missionaries, one being a lantern slide lecture on ancient America. Interspersed were several beautiful musical numbers by the Mormon Male Chorus. Following the program, visitors were escorted through the Chapel and served with light refreshments in the lounge where questions were asked and answered. Hundreds of tracts were distributed and several Books of Mormon were sold.

These meetings bid fair, if properly handled, to become a very important institution. It was demonstrated that there is no lack, but rather a plethora of material; and the problem confronting those in charge is one of selection. The full evening could have been profitably devoted to a discussion of any one of the subjects opened up by the four speakers. As it was the surface of each was barely scratched and not enough given on any of them to be satisfactory. Nevertheless those in charge may take credit for a very auspicious beginning upon which to build.

It is planned for future meetings to enlist the cooperation of the M. I. A. of the various wards in rotation, holding these investigators' meetings on regular conjoint nights. The next one is scheduled for Oakland ward, Sunday evening, March 7.

HIGH COUNCIL MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 21

Alameda—W. G. Harmon, James Kay.
Berkeley—Don C. Wood, George Bedouin.
Dimond—Delbert Wright, Robert Paine.
Elmhurst—Ray H. Fisher, Elmo Carr.
Hayward—John J. Kest, Leon Baer.
Martinez—Claude M. Dewsnup, Cleone Rogers and Mary Rice.
Oakland—Don J. Allphin, P. W. Jackson.
Richmond—C. C. Carr, Arland Olsen.
Vallejo—W. T. Hicken, Heber Brown.

CORRECTIONS

The following corrections are made on the article 'The Oakland Branch': Willard D. Ellis was not a member of the branch presidency at the time the Oakland Stake was organized, having been released a short time before. C. C. Carr was a member of the Presidency at that time.

King E. Beagley's name appeared as King E. Bagley several times in the last issue.

MESSENGER SPILLS OVER THE TOP

We just couldn't get everything in that should be in this issue. If you don't see your article don't be too hard on us. We are suffering from growing pains and that is a healthy sign.

King E. Beagley, Retiring Branch Clerk, to fill a mission in England

Alvin G. Cheshire, Retiring 1st Counselor, Vallejo Br. and New Bishop, Vallejo Ward

J. Myron Telford, Retiring President, Vallejo Branch

Darrell Hill, Retiring 1st Counselor

VALLEJO GOES THROUGH RAPID METAMORPHOSIS

Vallejo Branch which was attached to the Stake when organized, has undergone some very rapid changes since the first of the year. The branch presidency, consisting of John M. Telford as president, Alvin G. Cheshire and Darrell Hill as counselors, and King E. Beagley, were honorably released January 17. In their places were chosen Alvin G. Cheshire as president, Henry Neering and Newell Stanley as counselors, and Marion F. Hiatt as clerk.

Hardly had the new officers been installed until it was determined that the rapid growth and fine spirit of the branch justified the formation of a new ward, the Stake's eighth. Accordingly at the Sunday morning session of the Stake Quarterly Conference on January 31, it was voted to create the Vallejo ward, the new branch presidency to become its bishopric.

President Telford and his counselors have served since July, 1934. They have been excellent leaders, as attested by the rapid growth of the branch. They lay down their responsibilities with the sincere thanks of the people for their fine service.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

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"In recognition of twenty-six years valiant service in L. D. S. work in this community, members of the Oakland Stake dedicate the six volumes of History of the Church to President W. Aird MacDonald and his wife Nellie Lesuer as initial contribution to the establishment of a library for dissemination of church truths. January 10, 1937."

This presentation is the beginning of a project to establish in each public library a library of church literature where it will be available to the public.

CHURCH BOOKS AVAILABLE HERE

The L. D. S. Book Depositary, located at the Oakland Chapel, saves its patrons both time and postage on any Church publication. Why try to buy from Salt Lake City and pay more? Some books may be had for as much as $1.00 less than the Salt Lake City price.

The more publications sold through it, the more firmly the Book Depositary becomes established. Members and friends are urged to purchase their books through this agency.

RELIEF SOCIETY

President Sarah H. Carruth recently made a trip to Los Angeles to attend a State Board meeting of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers. Mrs. Carruth is a member of the board of managers.

Mrs. Ivie S. Breck has returned from Salt Lake City where she accompanied the body of her father, Joseph Sims, who passed away in Oakland after a lingering illness.

We wish to express our appreciation for the fine work of the secretaries and other ward workers who helped to compile the annual reports. May you have joy and success in your work during 1937. Let us, as secretaries, make "Promptness and Accuacy" our motto during this year.

January was the month to collect annual dues. We hope all wards have their 100%.

March 17th is the day set for our Annual Spring Exhibit and Flower Show. While we know that you have been busy preparing articles for the Church Security Program, we feel confident that you will be ready for the exhibit. We hope every member of the Relief Society will have at least one article to display. We should make every effort to make this the biggest day in the history of our stake. Get your flowers going and your hand-work completed, for the time is short. Don't forget that we are having an "Old Relic" booth this year. Get out those fine old relics of early days and have them ready to display.

Ruth R. Shurtleff, Stake Secty.
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LOUISE R. BREWER JEANNOT

Mrs. Louise R. Brewer Jeannot of Elmhurst passed away January 10, 1937. She joined the Latter Day Saints Church in February, 1936. She was actively engaged in Genealogical work in the ward. Services were conducted by the Elmhurst Ward Bishopric.

WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE, FEBRUARY, 1937

The Spirit of Cooperation

The spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the spirit of cooperation. This spirit permeates practically every phase of Gospel teaching.

Church organization is based upon cooperation—members of the Church cooperating in an organized plan for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Church.

The missionary system of the Church is a system of cooperation—cooperation of parents, brothers, sisters, and friends with missionaries and the Church to carry the Gospel message to the ends of the earth.

The plan of genealogical and temple work is a plan of cooperation—individuals, families, societies, and groups cooperating with spirits in the world beyond in the accomplishment of the Plan of Salvation.

The law of tithing is a law of cooperation—cooperation in the financial and temporal affairs of the Church.

The law of the fast and of fast offerings is a law of cooperation—cooperation in the care of the poor and needy.

The budget plan, now in operation in many stakes and wards, is a plan of cooperation in ward maintenance, recreation, sociability and leisure-time activities.

Finally, the Church Security Plan is a plan of cooperation—cooperation in the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel—brotherhood, love of fellow men, fraternity, neighborly kindness, and security for every member of the Church.

The Plan, in essence, is as old as the Church itself. It is based upon the principles that enabled the early Church members and the Mormon Pioneers to accomplish the great achievements which are now bringing acclaim and recognition to the Church in many parts of the world.

Only as members of the Church show inclination and ability to cooperate can the Church move forward. As we learn and manifest the spirit of cooperation, which is the spirit of the Gospel, the Church will march onward to its great destiny.

In this year of 1937, true Latter-day Saints will manifest as never before the true spirit of cooperation in all things for their mutual welfare.

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M-MEN

Now that basketball season is practically over it is time to plan new activities for the rest of the M. I. A. year. "Active M-Men" should work for credits to be Master M-Men. Consult your manuals and advisors for the necessary qualifications. At the end of this Mutual season there will be a ceremony to present the Master M-Men award to qualified candidates. See that you are one of them.

Any suggestions or plans to make our M-Men program bigger and better will be gladly accepted by your Stake officers.

Dennis Lauper
Stake M-Men President

BASKETBALL

Because of the tremendous growing interest in Basketball in the East Bay and because of a shortage of funds the Oakland Stake M-Men have found it extremely difficult to secure gyms. They have therefore been unable to run off the local tournament as per regular schedule. But in spite of difficulties the following games have been played:

	Won	Lost	Percent
Dimond	4	1	800
Elmhurst	4	1	800
Oakland	3	2	600
Alameda	3	2	600
Berkeley	1	4	200
Hayward	0	5	000

When the 12th district M-Men basketball play-off starts Saturday, February 20 at Emery High School located at 48th and San Pablo Avenue, it will be the final curtain for three months of basketball by 150 M-Men throughout Northern California.

On Saturday four teams, San Francisco Ward, from San Francisco Stake, the winner of a series to break a tie between Elmhurst and Dimond from Oakland Stake, the winner from Gridley Stake, and a team from Northern California half of the California Mission will play. The purpose of this tournament is to decide which of these four teams will represent the 12th district at Salt Lake.

The exact order of these games is to be determined by drawing names from a hat. The first game starts at 8 o'clock the next at 9:15. With this procedure it will give both winners an opportunity to get a look at their opponents for Monday's game.

On Monday, February 22, the winners of Saturday's games will meet for the division championship. Then as winner of the 12th district this team plays at Salt Lake City for the Church Basketball Championship.

It is the sincere hope of the M-Men that this tournament will be given the wholehearted support of the entire Stake. In past years winning teams have been forced to pay most of their own way to Salt Lake. This year the M-Men are determined to furnish the winner their fares to Salt Lake.

With this view in mind we have secured a gym with excellent seating arrangement, and we feel confident that type of ball and the spirit of sportsmanship will merit the complete support of the whole Oakland Stake. The tickets will sell for 25 cents a game or 50 cents for both games. All M-Men are salesmen for these tickets.

A LETTER

Dear Mr. Editor:

I want you to know that the "Messenger of the Oakland Stake of Zion" interests me very greatly.

I compliment and congratulate you on the fine paper used, the excellent type and most of all upon the interesting way in which news is presented.

In your December issue I was, of course, greatly interested in the birthday party which was held in the Berkeley Ward. My dear and life-long friends, Bishop and Mrs. Dunyon, Bishop and Mrs. Ericksen, Bishop and Mrs. Johnson and all the rest, are people in that Ward that I remember well and whatever you have to say about them and other friends, of course, I am interested in.

May I make this mild suggestion concerning your write-up on the Berkeley Ward and that is that you speak of "our recreation hall" rather than "our amusement hall." These institutions are constructed in connection with our Chapels and are something more than places of amusement.

With congratulation again upon your fine publication and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely your friend and brother,
Richard R. Lyman, President
European Mission

BOOK OF MORMON CLUB

On the 8th of November, 1936, the young people of the Dimond Ward met at the home of Bishop Serge J. Lauper to organize "The Dimond Book of Mormon Club." Dennis Lauper was unanimously sustained as President. Mary Shurtleff was elected Vice President with Lucille Morgan as secretary. Stake President W. Aird MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald were special visitors. He brought some very rare copies of the Book of Mormon; one of which had been found in a deserted cabin in the Sierras. Each person present was permitted to read a verse from one of these valuable books.

Samuel F. Scott was sustained as class director and has conducted some very educational classes in the past eight weeks.

The meetings are held at different members homes at 9 o'clock Sunday evening at the close of the regular services. Every young person desiring to attend is welcomed as an invitation is extended to all those interested. There are now 27 members with the enrollment increasing every week.

Sister Eugene Hilton has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Arizona, with her health greatly improved. We welcome Sister Hilton back and hope she will continue to improve in health.

THE RESTORED GOSPEL AND ITS SIX HUNDRED MARTYRS

On Sunday the twentieth of September, near Omaha, Nebraska, U. S. A., a multitude of about three thousand assembled to do honour to the six hundred Mormon pioneers who lie in unmarked graves in the old cemetery and to dedicate to their memory a huge monument made of bronze.

The whole service was a profound and impressive expression of admiration and appreciation for those brave and daring saints whose remains were laid in early graves on the great American desert as a result of their heroic struggle to assist in establishing in the tops of the mountains that kingdom of God which the ancient prophet says "is to stand forever."

The praise given was great. It could not be greater than is deserved. Those loyal saints dared much. They left their native countries for the Gospel's sake. With deliberation they entered upon that life of hardships ending in the supreme sacrifice. They are martyrs.

Many of these daring ones came from Great Britain. Their native land has good cause to be proud of them. In their dramatic part in the westward movement and their courage in meeting death, they exhibited the spirit of their native land as this was expressed by that noble Englishman, Lord Nelson, the world's greatest naval hero, when he said, "Damn the signal to retreat! Hoist mine for closer fighting, and nail it to the mast!" They put their all upon the altar, the sacrifice they made has been accepted, and "He who died for all on Calvary has welcomed these brave soldiers of the cross into eternal peace!"

And is it any wonder that such faith and intense religious zeal burned in their breasts! They had fáith in the restored Gospel which teaches that the silence of the heavens for ages has been broken. An angel has appeared. A modern prophet has been brought forth by the power of God. Heavenly personages, no less than God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ have come to earth. By their divine power they have established here again the Gospel of the Master with all the necessary keys, rights, and authority to carry on the preaching of this truth and to perform all the sacred ordinances of baptism, confirmation, ordination, etc., necessary for the education, uplift, progress and happiness of people here on earth and for their salvation and eternal joy hereafter.

(Excerpt from Editorial written by Richard R. Lyman in the Millennial Star, October 22, 1936.)

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ACHIEVEMENT

Margaret Fisher, 22-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray H. Fisher of Dimond Ward, left Sunday morning, January 31, upon a 9000 mile journey which will take her by way of New York to Santiago, Chile, where she goes as an exchange fellow to teach English and lecture upon American civilization at the University of Chile. Margaret, a graduate of Roosevelt High school, where part of her work was under Dr. Eugene Hilton of the Stake Presidency, was graduated from the University of California in 1934. Since then she has been teaching in Centerville. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Spanish Honor Society. It was as an officer of that society that she met the President of the University of Chile and was offered the teaching fellowship. She will be the only exchange Spanish student from the United States at this South American institution. Margaret will visit relatives in Idaho, and later in Chicago, Detroit and Washington, prior to sailing.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Vallejo's representative in the foreign missions of the Church is Elder King E. Beagley, for whom a farewell testimonial was held the evening of January 19. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus, the Ward Chorus and others. Elder Beagley has now gone to Salt Lake City to receive a short preliminary training before leaving for the British Mission.

Elder Grant Tolman, of the Australian Mission, is now located at Hobart, Tasmania, where the work is slightly different from any he has had previously. Instead of tracting in Hobart he goes throughout the Island and tracts all the small towns, returning every two weeks to headquarters to conduct services. Such country work is rich in experiences for the missionary and we know that Elder Tolman is enjoying them and it is giving him much spiritual food.

Mrs. Helene Brummett is working in Belleville, Illinois, just outside of St. Louis, Missouri. She and her companion are doing a good work there. During the holidays, missionary work is almost at a standstill, as people are too busy to open their homes for cottage meetings and primaries. Despite this the missionaries are making many friends there.

Elder Gail Cragun, in the Brazilian Mission, is having a new experience. Instead of "thumbing" his way as the Elders do in this country, or riding a bicycle as they do in some foreign countries, he has bought a horse. The roads are such that the bicycle is not practical in that part of the country.

THE ERA DRIVE OVER THE TOP

Oakland Stake has again achieved its Era goal. A letter of congratulations from the editorial offices states the full stake quota was reached December 19. The work was under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. George Gibbs Smith of the M. I. A. stake boards. They attribute the success and extend thanks to all ward Era directors and priesthood authorities who cooperated.

STAKE M. I. A. WILL ENTERTAIN

To add diversity to the Stake recreation program, and in response to many requests, the M. I. A. activity committee announce that the next Stake entertainment will take the form of a dinner dance. The exclusive use of the Ivory Court of the Hotel Oakland has been engaged for the occasion which will take place February 12 at 7 o'clock p. m.

Although an M-Men-Gleaner dinner dance has been an annual affair, this is the first similar function scheduled for the general membership. Upon its success will depend the future course of the M. I. A. in regard to such functions. The evening will commence with dinner, to be followed by a short program until 9:30. Thereafter will follow dancing to the music of the Joaquin Grill orchestra, interspersed with special novelty numbers.

The cost of the whole evening's entertainment will be $1.75 per person and reservations may be made through any Stake or Ward M. I. A. officer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Readers are requested to note that elsewhere herein will be found the names of the reporters for the various wards. To properly cover all news of interest, your cooperation with these reporters is requested. Tell them and they'll tell the world through the Messenger. The deadline for each issue is the 20th of each month. If your news comes in later we can't guarantee it space.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPEL DEDICATED

David O. McKay of the First Presidency, accompanied by his wife, were in San Francisco Sunday, December 20, where he dedicated the new San Francisco Ward Chapel on Hayes Street. It was the occasion of a great turnout of the Latter-day Saints from all around the Bay Region. Bishop Claude W. Nalder, and his people, are to be congratulated on this worthy achievement.

JACK L. KELLER

Jack L. Keller of Alameda died January 15 of appendicitis. He was born September 24, 1923, at Ogden, Utah. He is survived by his father, E. L. Keller, his mother, a sister, Lou Jean and two brothers, Karan and Thomas. He was a deacon and a member of the Alameda boy scouts Council No. 3. Funeral services were held in the Sciots Hall Sunday, the 17th, under the direction of Bishop Leo H. Crandall. Interment was in the L. D. S. Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, San Francisco.

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WARD NEWS

BERKELEY

Mrs. Nelsina Christiansen and son Marion were visiting friends in Berkeley for a few days. Marion is teaching in Weaverville, California.

A carnival dance was held in the Berkeley Ward Friday, January 29, under the auspices of the M. I. A.

The Berkeley Deseret Club held a round table discussion Sunday night, January 24. This organization also sponsored an old-fashioned party held on February 5.

The cast of a play to be directed by Mrs. Lavon Eyring has been selected. "So This Is London" is the title of the play, and Miss Helen Caine and Mr. Joice Stone have been chosen for the leading roles.

A roller-skating party at Rollerland Skating Rink was held by the Berkeley Ward M-Men and Gleaners. Later refreshments were served at the home of Mrs. Margaret Gardner.

A letter received by the Berkeley Ward Bishopric from Boyce Carr, who is on a mission in the Netherlands, states that he is enjoying his work and wishes to be remembered to all the Ward Members.

Mrs. John Ellis, mother of Willard D. and Dr. Grant Ellis, is visiting her two sons and their families in Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Boyack of Delta, Utah, father and mother of Mrs. Wanda Boyack Harmon, are visitors at the home of their daughter.

Following the Genealogical meeting Thursday, January 28, a social was held in honor of George Southgate, who has recently completed his citizenship requirements.

RICHMOND

Mrs. Ruth Zuppan of Ogden is visiting with her sister Mrs. Albert Dietliker of El Cerrito.

The Richmond Ward extends a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Linmore Baker and Mr. and Mrs. John Norrda of Salt Lake.

Miss Lillian Morley who was graduated from U. C. December, 1935, has been awarded a teacher's credential from State College in San Francisco.

VALLEJO

Mr. and Mrs. Tittensor and Daughter Lurae, former members of the Vallejo Branch moved to Ogden, Utah, to make their home.

Mrs. Martha Hellewell of Ogden, Utah, is spending the winter in California as guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott.

Vallejo Branch Relief society are pleased to welcome Mrs. Eliza Falkner of Ogden, Utah, back in our midst. Mrs. Falkner is the mother of Mrs. C. C. Lewis and Mrs. Walter Hill, members of our branch.

Under the able leadership of Branch Chorister C. C. Lewis, Vallejo now has a male quartette and a mixed Chorus consisting of twenty members of which the Branch is justly proud.

WARD NEWS

DIMOND

More than three hundred members of the Ward turned out to participate in the fitting and beautiful tribute given Friday evening, January 15, for Bishop Lauper and his wife, Jean. A unique program was given in the chapel, after which delicious refreshments were served in the amusement hall. A fine orchestra furnished the music for dancing. Bishop Lauper and Jean received many expressions of appreciation in words as well as beautiful gifts. May they long remember the happiness of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lau of Salt Lake City, parents of Winnifred Phelps, spent a week with Bishop Phelps and family while enroute to Southern California and Mexico.

Katherine Dorius entertained the officers and teachers of the Primary at her home last month. The party was in honor of Jean Lauper, retiring Stake Superintendent.

Mrs. Rice of Utah is spending the winter with her son, William F., and family.

H. Fred Egan, President of the Summit County Stake, Park City, Utah, and his wife have been visiting the Van Noy family the past week.

Basketball fans as well as others will be pleasantly surprised to see the new team in action. Under the coaching of Roy Weindorf, they are doing some fine team-work.

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Curtis of Driggs, Idaho, are visiting with their son, Clyde, and family.

Mavis Humphreys entertained the Ladies' Chorus and the Primary officers at a stork shower Thursday, January 22, for Vera Neeshaw.

The members of the Book of Mormon class in Sunday School are showing much more interest since many of their lessons are being dramatized under the direction of their teacher, Mavis Humphreys.

The Dimond Ward Bee-Hive Girls filled many cells Tuesday evening when, under the supervision of their Bee Keepers, they planned, prepared and served a four-course dinner. The colors and emblem of the organization were used in the centerpiece and place cards designed and made by the girls. The program was climaxed by group singing. We were especially happy to have as our guests Mrs. Marie Thomas of the General Board and Mrs. Brown of the Stake, who of a surety inspired each girl to higher endeavor. Fourteen were present.

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Jack L. Keller—Alameda

BIRTHS
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Reed Goodpasture, November 20, Elmhurst
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Martin, December 4, Elmhurst
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Doyle E. Stock, October 4, Elmhurst
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hanks, September 28, Elmhurst
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stamps, October 13, Elmhurst
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Emery Arnold, December 19, Elmhurst
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cheney, January 10, Elmhurst
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chadwick, September 27, Elmhurst
SON—To Bishop and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins, January 8, Richmond
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hopkins, December 15, Richmond
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Love, Richmond.

ELMHURST

Judge M. C. Harris and wife of Logan, Utah are recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Miller of Ogden, Utah, and Dr. and Mrs. B. Scott Miller of Los Angeles were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan G. Tolman.

Mr. Justin L. Marchant and family are moving to Santa Rosa. Due to Mr. Justin's work they will make their home there. The Ward wishes them success.

Harry Maurer, a former member of our Ward, is now laboring in the Argentina Republic Mission. He would appreciate letters from all his old friends.

We have heard from Mr. and Mrs. William D. Edmonds who are now residing in Mona, Washington. They are well and wish to be remembered to all their friends.

The Ward held a very successful Barn Dance on January 15. The evening was complete with a Haywire orchestra and plenty of hay — everyone present had a fine time.

Our next Ward Dance will be held February 19. An invitation is extended to all. Don't forget the date.

We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Cragun and Sister Folsom, who were in an automobile accident a few weeks ago, are now on the road to recovery.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jones and family to the Elmhurst Ward.

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ALAMEDA

We welcome Thys Winkel and family to our ward; also W. J. Liddle and family.

Mrs. Andrew Jensen of Brigham City, Utah, mother of Wendell Jensen, is visiting here this winter with her son Wendell.

Under the direction of the M. I. A. several of the ward went caroling Christmas eve. They visited several families and a good time was had by all.

Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. June Franklin have been spending the past month visiting with friends and relatives in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lillie Holt and children have been visiting with Mrs. Holt's brothers, Joseph and Hyrum Horman.

The Seavers family spent the holidays in Utah and Idaho visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Evans, mother of E. C. Evans, who has been visiting here the past months has left for Los Angeles.

Mrs. H. S. Hamson and daughter Melba of Tremonton, Utah and Wayne Garfield of Ogden, Utah, are visiting with the Evans family.

Mrs. Leo Crandall and son Jerry have returned from Utah where they spent the holidays visiting with friends and relatives.

We are glad to announce that we now have a new hall at 2326 Alameda Ave. It will afford more room and is a much better place for our church services.

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